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The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am pleased to transmit a copy of OTA's Technical Memorandum, Scientific Validity of Polygraph Testing: A Research Review and Evaluation, which we have just published. This Technical Memorandum was prepared at the request of the House Committee on Government Operations.

The Technical Memorandum discusses the current use of polygraph tests and the debate over polygraph validity, reviews and evaluates the scientific research on polygraph validity, and presents conclusions about the scientific evidence for current and proposed Federal Government polygraph use.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Dr. Fred Wood, Project Director, at 226-2240.

Sincerely,

John H. Gibbons

Enclosure



SCIENTIFIC VALIDITY OF POLYGRAPH TESTING

A RESEARCH REVIEW AND EVALUATION

A TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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